

MEDICAL LABORATORY BOARD  
PERSONNEL AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES

**Date:** October 13, 2004

**Time:** 1:00 p.m., CDT

**Location:** Cumberland Room  
Ground Floor, Cordell Hull Building  
425 Fifth Avenue North  
Nashville, TN 37247

**Members Present:** Linda Lahr, MT, Committee Chairperson  
Charles Handorf, MD  
Thomasa Cooper, MT  
Martha Duncan, MT  
Sharon Hargrove, MT  
Alison McDonald, CT  
Debbie Stinnett, MT  
Kelly Terry, MT

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Lynda S. England, MT, Consultant II, Director  
Cheryl H. Thacker, MT, Consultant I, Administrator  
Robbie Bell, Director, Health Related Boards  
Robert Kraemer, Advisory Attorney

**Presiding Officer:** Linda Lahr, MT

**Minutes:** Minutes from the personnel and education committee were presented at the full Medical Laboratory Board meeting for approval.

**Proceedings and Action Taken:**

1. With a quorum present, Ms. Lahr called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.
2. Review Correspondence
  - A. Exam applicants
    1. Teresa Kent, MT (AMT), LIS Manager at UMC Medical Center in Lebanon, TN addressed the committee regarding the expiration date of the temporary licenses issued to new graduates who fail at their first attempt upon taking the national certification exam. Chapter 68-29-117(3) states that "If the applicant fails the examination, the temporary license shall remain valid only until the results of the examination are available to the board." The committee discussed this issue, acknowledging the problem is statewide and adding to the shortage of medical laboratory personnel. Mr. Kraemer indicated a Statute change would be needed, and if worded properly, rules may not be necessary. Ms. Lahr volunteered to contact a legislator about sponsoring legislation on this matter.

2. Director/ Ph.D.

Ms. England has received several inquiries regarding Ph.D.'s seeking licensure as laboratory directors; however, they do not possess national boarding. Some have indicated that the boards are only given once a year. Can a Ph.D. be issued a temporary license? Dr. Handorf indicated no; however, Mr. Kraemer said the Statute 68-29-117 does not make a difference between laboratory personnel. A laboratory director with a temporary license would be required to be supervised by a licensed laboratory director. Mr. Kraemer said the committee may want to include language regarding the laboratory director when rewriting the Statute concerning temporary licenses.

B. Discussion of on-line medical laboratory technologist/technician clinical training programs

The committee discussed the emergence of on-line programs of study in the medical laboratory technology area. One of these programs is in St. Petersburg, Florida. It is a NAACLS accredited on-line program. The student will complete the on-line didactic courses through St. Petersburg College. Upon finding a hospital willing to clinically train the student, St. Petersburg College establishes an affiliation agreement with that hospital. Ms. Valerie Polansky, the MLT Program Director at St. Petersburg College, wanted to make sure she was within the Law of Tennessee because she had a student wanting to train at Memorial Hospital in Chattanooga. The committee members were in agreement that this was acceptable and advised Ms. Thacker to issue these students trainee permits.

C. Addition of a clinical rotation site

Ms. Thacker informed the committee that Tennessee State University has asked for the addition of Pathgroup Labs, 776 Melrose Avenue, Nashville, TN 37211 as a clinical rotation site for its medical laboratory technology students. Dr. Handorf made a motion to approve the request. Ms. Terry seconded the motion. The motion carried.

D. Discussion regarding continuing education for medical laboratory personnel

There was nothing at this time.

E. Addition of a clinical rotation site

Ms. Thacker informed the committee that Volunteer State Community College has asked for the addition of University Medical Center, 1411 Baddour Parkway, Lebanon, TN 37087-2595 as a clinical rotation site for its medical laboratory technician students. Ms. Terry made a motion to approve the request, contingent upon the completion of the clinical affiliate fact sheet, specifically the length of rotation blank. Ms. Hargrove seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. A. Review Files for Eligibility

1. Charissa T. Tumanda – Medical Laboratory Technologist – General; Bartlett, TN; File # 21354

Ms. Thacker informed the Committee that Ms. Tumanda was educated and clinically trained in the Philippines. She also possesses national certification as a Medical Laboratory Technologist – General with American Medical Technologists (AMT), obtained through examination. After discussion, Dr. Handorf motioned to approve this request for licensure. Ms. Terry seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. Reuel P. Azores – Medical Laboratory Technologist – General; Memphis, TN; File # 21356

Ms. Thacker informed the Committee that Mr. Azores was educated and clinically trained in the Philippines. He also possesses national certification as a Medical Laboratory Technologist – General with American Medical Technologists (AMT), obtained through examination. After discussion,

Ms. Duncan motioned to approve this request for licensure. Dr. Handorf seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. Loraine S. Cua – Medical Laboratory Technologist – General; Franklin, TN; File # 21385

Ms. Thacker informed the Committee that Ms. Cua was educated and clinically trained in the Philippines. She also possesses national certification as a Medical Laboratory Technologist – General with American Medical Technologists (AMT), obtained through examination. After discussion, Ms. Hargrove motioned to approve this request for licensure. Ms. Stinnett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Katherine E. Koren – Medical Laboratory Technician – General; Chiefland, FL; File # 14268

Ms. Koren voluntarily withdrew her application to be licensed as a Medical Laboratory Technician – General. No Board action was taken.

4. Review and ratification

A. New Licenses and Temporary Licenses (Attachment 1)

After review, Dr. Handorf motioned to ratify the new licenses and temporary licenses from July 1, 2004– September 30, 2004, with a second to the motion by Ms. Hargrove. The motion carried.

B. Reinstatements (Attachment 2)

After review, Dr. Handorf motioned to ratify the reinstatements from July 1, 2004 – September 30, 2004, with a second to the motion by Ms. Hargrove. The motion carried.

C. Closed Files (Attachment 3)

After review, Dr. Handorf motioned to ratify the closed files from July 1, 2004 – September 30, 2004, with a second to the motion by Ms. Hargrove. The motion carried.

5. Insufficient Funds

There was nothing to report at this time.

6. Rulemaking Update/ Jerry Kosten

There was no report at this time.

**Statement of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on January 12, 2005 at 1p.m., CST in the Cumberland Room, Ground Floor, Cordell Hull Building, 425 Fifth Avenue North, Nashville, TN 37247-1010.

**Record of Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m. on a motion properly presented by Ms. Cooper and seconded by Ms. McDonald. The motion carried.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Linda Lahr, MT

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACHMENT 1**  
**NEW LICENSES**  
**JULY 1, 2004 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2004**

<b>License Number</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Category</b>
21266	Anzia	Nilda E.	Memphis, TN	Technologist - General
21073	Bartosik	Beth A.	Kingsport, TN	Technologist - General
21325	Baybay	Rebecca J.	Collierville, TN	Technologist - General
21302	Choe	Jessica L.	Hermitage, TN	S.A.-Cytotechnologist
21343	Clinton	Toni-Annette	Germantown, TN	Director - Director
7291	Crews	Kathleen S.	Cordova, TN	Supervisor - General
21235	Dicesare	Justin T.	Cookeville, TN	Technician - General
21311	Hamilton	Allison A.	Dickson, TN	Technologist - General
21261	Hite	Jamie R.	Hilham, TN	Technician - General
21358	Hopper	Michelle L.	Tiptersville, TN	Technician - General
21331	Ibay	Evelyn P.	Collierville, TN	Technologist - General
21353	Little	Thomas H.	Puryear, TN	Technologist - General
21270	Mallillin	Alpha D.	Hendersonville, TN	Technologist - General
18811	Martin	April L.	Byhalia, MS	Supervisor - General
21330	Mateo	Sonia T.	Collierville, TN	Technologist - General
20313	Meng	Xiao Zheng	Cordova, TN	Supervisor - General
11310	Miller	Penni Pauline	Cleveland, TN	Supervisor - General
21162	Oliver	Christina M.	Johnson City, TN	Technician - General
21232	Patel	Swatiben	Lakeland, TN	Technologist - General
21251	Perez	Rafoncill A.	Oskaloosa, IA	Technologist - General
14788	Prock	Misty M.	Cleveland, TN	Supervisor - General
21349	Stark	Shirley A.	Bolivar, OH	Technologist - General
21314	Stout	Peter R.	Nashville, TN	Director - Toxicology
13866	Thomas	Laurie A.	Silver Point, TN	Supervisor - General
21341	Tseng	Kathy	Brentwood, TN	Technologist - General
21263	Turqueza	Dyna Marie T.	Germantown, TN	Technologist - General
21264	Vacaro	Emlynn T.	Germantown, TN	Technologist - General
21281	West	Melody J.	McMinnville, TN	Technician - General
21352	Abbott	Claude L.	Maryville, TN	Technologist - General
21320	Ambrose	Bunnie L.	Antioch, TN	Technologist - General
21151	Bittinger	Ronda L.	Clarksville, TN	Technologist - General
21340	Blanton	Julie B.	Bristol, TN	Technologist - General
21369	Branch	Erika C.	Hendersonville, TN	S.A. - Cytogenetics
21334	Britt	Nathan K.	Nashville, TN	Technologist - General
21327	Byrd	Angel R.	Memphis, TN	Technician - General
21362	Chavez	Patricia L.	Brentwood, TN	Technologist - General
21365	Collier	Charlene Y.	Old Hickory, TN	Technician - General
18935	Colwell	Kristen L.	Fort Meade, SD	Supervisor - General
21318	Deria	Ali M.	Antioch, TN	Technologist - General
21298	Dunn	Amy K.	Memphis, TN	Technologist - General
21292	Gu	Jiali	Bartlett, TN	Technologist - General
21366	Harvey	Veronica R.	Grenada, MS	S.A. - Cytotechnologist
20426	Henderson	Elena V.	Memphis, TN	Technician - General

21361	Huddleston	Dora B.	Clarksville, TN	Technologist - General
21360	Issa	Jasen K.	Celina, TN	Technologist - General
21357	Jarjoura	Samira D.	Cohutta, GA	Technician - General
21348	Lehman	Michael D.	Woodlawn, TN	Technologist - General
21346	Linkous	Dorothy K.	Harriman, TN	Technologist - General
21363	Lopez	Aracelie	Harlingen, TX	Technologist - General
21156	Mynatt	Charles E.	Knoxville, TN	Technologist - General
21278	Norrod	Brett A.	Crawford, TN	Technician - General
19495	Onwuka	Sybil C.	Collierville, TN	Technologist - General
21338	Poindexter	Stephanie D.	Clarksville, TN	Technologist - General
21032	Riddle	Connie S.	Franklin, TN	S.A. - Cytogenetics
21310	Robinson	Tanichia L.	Memphis, TN	S.A. - Cytotechnologist
18802	Russell	Alan R.	Nashville, TN	Supervisor - General
6354	Smith	Jenifer L.	Seymour, TN	Supervisor - General
21335	Vanover	John D.	Parkers Lake, KY	Technician - General
18746	Watlington	Nikki S.	Jackson, TN	Supervisor - General
13684	Watters	Judy M.	Revelo, KY	Supervisor - General
21351	Woron	Amy M.	Portland, TN	Supervisor - Molecular Dx.
21315	Yarbrough	Amanda M.	Johnson City, TN	Technician - General
21391	Bean	Diana G.	Killen, AL	Technologist - General
21336	Bogie	Jennifer L.	Antioch, TN	Technologist - General
21381	Davis	Ellen M.	Morganton, NC	S.A. - Cytotechnologist
21295	Desai	Shilpa S.	Germantown, TN	Technician - General
20473	Ezzell	Kathleen Olivia	Smyrna, TN	Supervisor - Cytology
20471	Girtman	Kevin L.	Marion, AR	Supervisor - General
21396	Guillot	Marvin P.	Clarksville, TN	S.A. - Cytotechnologist
21388	Hamilton	Lana C.	Jonesboro, AR	Technologist - General
21092	Hickey	Christina M.	Nashville, TN	Technologist - General
18914	Hoover	Lluuana L.	Cookeville, TN	Supervisor - General
21382	Hulse	Siegfried J.	Scottsburg, IN	Technologist - General
21379	Johnson	Jara K.	Clarinda, IA	Technologist - General
21374	Kee	Miriam M.	Antioch, TN	Technologist - General
21393	Leahy	Natasha S.	Maryville, TN	S.A. - Cytogenetics
21384	Long	Linda D.	Clinton, TN	Technologist - General
14596	Malatesta	Maria Pike	Southaven, MS	Supervisor - General
21378	Reid	Rochelle C.	Berrien Springs, MI	Technologist - General
21399	Ricardo	Richard	Maryville, TN	S.A. - Cytogenetics
21309	Rogers	Rebecca L.	Memphis, TN	Technologist - General
21383	Rouser	Gerry G.	Ooltewah, TN	Technologist - General
18964	Solsbee	Shannon L. Moore	Charleston, TN	Supervisor - General
21300	Sullivan	April B.	Germantown, TN	Technologist - General
4347	Westbrooks	Bobbie J.	Memphis, TN	Supervisor - General
21347	Windless	Wanda	Cordova, TN	Technician - General
3663	Tom	Wilma Young	Memphis, TN	Supervisor - General
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>NEW LICENSES</b>	<b>3RD QUARTER 2004:</b>		<b>87</b>
		<b>TEMPORARY</b>	<b>LICENSES</b>	
21339	Forrester	Allison R.	Dresden, TN	Technologist - General

21337	Harding	Kristen C.	Clarksville, TN	Technologist - General
21346	Linkous	Dorothy K.	Harriman, TN	Technologist - General
21278	Norrod	Brett A.	Crawford, TN	Technician - General
21338	Poindexter	Stephanie D.	Clarksville, TN	Technologist - General
21326	Taylor	Tonya D.	Memphis, TN	Technologist - General
21348	Lehman	Michael D.	Woodlawn, TN	Technologist - General
21359	Hill	Sarah L.	Cumberland City, TN	Technologist - General
21345	Clark	Patty L.	Mascot, TN	Technologist - General
21295	Desai	Shilpa S.	Germantown, TN	Technician - General
21347	Windless	Wanda	Cordova, TN	Technician - General
21350	Berry	Karen R.	Memphis, TN	Technician - General
21364	Clark	Teresa R.	Memphis, TN	Technician - General
21368	Whitford	Misty J.	Dover, TN	Technologist - General
21376	Faulhaber	Phyllis A.	Holly Springs, MS	Technician - General
21355	Hendrixson	Loretta K.	Smithville, TN	Technician - General
21367	Dilioglou	Smaroula	Memphis, TN	S.A. - Histocompatibility
21322	Sullivan	Charles J.	Spencer, TN	Technician - General
21371	Leffew	Brandy M.	Cookeville, TN	Technician - General
21370	Barber	Stephanie L.	Smithville, TN	Technician - General
21372	Reece	Misty D.	Carthage, TN	Technician - General
21342	Howard	Joseph T.	Murfreesboro, TN	Technologist - General

**TOTAL**

**TEMPORARY**

**LICENSES**

**3RD QUARTER 2004:**

**22**

**ATTACHMENT 2  
REINSTATEMENTS  
JULY 1, 2004 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2004**

<b>License Number</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Category</b>
18422	Butcher	Angela H.	McMinnville, TN	Technician - General
13231	Dill	Robyn M.	Kingsport, TN	Supervisor - General
9103	Gregory	Helen M.	Hartsville, TN	Supervisor - General
*18646	Ketron	Cathy Jean	Maryville, TN	Technician - General
10661	Miller	Jennifer B.	Piney Flats, TN	Technician - General
*2750	White	Betty N.	Jefferson City, TN	Supervisor - General
19657	Booker	Yolanda M.	Toney, AL	S.A. - Cytotechnologist
*19742	Martin	Robert M.	Powell, TN	Technologist - General
14821	Wright	Kristi M.	Jackson, TN	Technologist - General
18605	Wright	Kristi I.	Byrdstown, TN	Technician - General
9174	Armstrong	Patricia G.	Talbott, TN	Technologist - General
3005	Benz	Elizabeth H.	Hendersonville, TN	Technologist - General
20444	Burch-Hubbard	Lorri A.	Sevierville, TN	Technician - General
10623	Dykes	Geoff A.	Murfreesboro, TN	Technologist - General
19733	Lester	Keith A.	Kingsport, TN	Technician - General
995	Parkerson	Donna S.	Madison, TN	Supervisor - General
19311	Rich	Marti A.	Cookeville, TN	Technician - General
5578	Humphreys	Judith Roddy	Lebanon, TN	Technologist - General
7964	Steenbergen	Sheila L.	Greenbrier, TN	Technician - General
20353	Thompson	William Daniel	Murray, KY	Technologist - General
11253	Wesley	Timothy W.	Knoxville, TN	Supervisor - General

**\*Reactivate Retired License**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>REINSTATEMENTS</b>	<b>3RD QUARTER</b>	<b>2004: 21</b>
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**ATTACHMENT 3  
CLOSED FILES  
JULY 1, 2004 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2004**

<b>File Number</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Category</b>
21070	Hamlin	David M.	Sharon, TN	S.A. - Cytotechnologist
20231	Hamm	Jennifer M.	Memphis, TN	S.A. - Cytotechnologist
20701	Noah	Ashlee C.	Harrogate, TN	Technologist - General
21199	Davis	Misty A.	Knoxville, TN	Technologist - General
21174	Stinson	Mandy	Lafayette, TN	Technician - General

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>CLOSED FILES</b>	<b>3RD QUARTER</b>	<b>2004: 5</b>
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